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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON AMERICAN SHIP-
BUILDING VISIT

REF: STATE 044181

1. MEMBERS OF COMMISSION CONFIRMED CLARIDGES MAY 3-5. CONTROL OFFICER G. J. RYAN, MARAD REP, WILL MEET AT AIR-PORT AND ASSIST IN SHIPYARD VISITS.

2. REFTEL PARAGRAPH TWO HAS GARBLE OF NAME OF COMMIS-SIONER FOLLOWING CHARLES A. BLACK. PLEASE REPEAT NAME.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF BIO- DATA AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS PROMISED REFTEL, WE WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS FOR VISIT TO SCOTT LITHGOW AND, IF FEASIBLE, WITH HARLAND AND WOLFE (HW).

4. WE WILL PROVIDE EVALUATION AS TO ADVISABILITY OF BELFAST VISIT FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF WHITE PAPER. ALTHOUGH SATURDAY IS NOT A NORMAL WORK DAY, WE BELIEVE HW WILL RECEIVE THE COMMISSION ON MAY 5. HOWEVER, IN
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ORDER TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR THIS PROPOSED VISIT, ADVISE IF COMMISSION COULD VISIT HW ON MONDAY, MAY 7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. CONGEN BELFAST AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT COMMISSION SHOULD RETAIN OPTION OF BELFAST VISIT SHOULD THE SITUATION PERMIT. WE WILL PROVIDE A MORE CONCRETE EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER WHICH WILL OUTLINE NEW GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN BELFAST SCHEDULE. BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OVER ACCEPTANCE OF THE WHITE PAPER, THE POSSIBILITY FOR CIVIL DISORDER MUST BE CONSIDERED. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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